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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants hereby request an extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, in order to file a response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2003, within the first additional month. A one month time extension would cause the response to be due on December 25, 2003. This request is not interposed for purposes of delay, but is mandated by the schedules of the Applicants and their attorney. Accordingly, favorable action on this request is believed to be in order.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1045 in the amount of \$110,00 for the one month extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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